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10 December 1959

Dear Mr. Amory:

This is in confirmation of our invitation to you to speak to the Department of State's Senior Officers' Course at the Foreign Service Institute on Wednesday, 20 January, at 2:30 p.m. The Institute is located in Arlington Towers (Jefferson-Tyler Building), 1018 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, on the ground floor. Class hours are from 2:30 to 5:30.

Your topic is "Estimate of the International Situation", as part of the three-day concentration on Communist Theory and Strategy. We should like an objective analysis of the political realities which confront the Free World. Incidentally, all of our participants are cleared for Top Secret and all remarks made during class sessions are privileged.

Our instructional technique emphasizes class discussion. We do not have in mind a formal lecture, but rather an informal presentation in which you would set the stage for a discussion period lasting about two hours. Normally, our speakers have given oral presentations lasting from 45 minutes to an hour.

I am enclosing some general information about the course and a biographical list of the participants, in which you will observe the name of one man from your agency.

The officers in the course include 10 Foreign Service Officers from the senior ranks, one Department of State civil service officer, colonels from the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps, a Navy captain, and one representative each from the USIA, ICA, CIA and the Department of Agriculture. The average age of the group is 44 and the average years of experience is from about 15 to 20. Selection for participation in the program was on the basis of the highest of standards. I think you will find the group uncommonly mature, sophisticated and articulate.

Mr. Robert Amory,  
Deputy Director for Intelligence,  
Central Intelligence Agency,  
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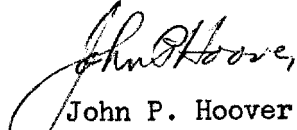
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As of possible interest and in order to give you an idea of the content of the course thus far, I am enclosing a set of the syllabus. The topics chosen to be the content of the Communist Strategy segment include the following:

20 Jan., a.m. Semantics of Communism. Paul Conroy, USIA  
20 Jan., p.m. Estimate of the International Situation.  
21 Jan., a.m. Instruments of Communism. [REDACTED] CIA STATINTL  
22 Jan., p.m. Negotiating Techniques. Prof. W.W. Kulski.  
23 Jan., a.m. Communist Strategy.  
24 Jan., p.m. US and Free World Strategy.

We are pleased that you have found it possible to accept our invitation and are looking forward to seeing you on 20 January. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any matter, I can be reached on Code 182-4995.

Sincerely yours,



John P. Hoover  
Deputy Director, Senior Officers' Course  
Foreign Service Institute

Enclosure:

As stated.